

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (currently amended) A ~~support component for a temporary platform for use on soft,~~
supporting heavy machinery over watery or unstable terrain comprising:

a plurality of gabion containers, said plurality of gabion containers having one or a
plurality of compartments; said plurality of gabion containers further being constructed
with flexible wire mesh; and

a light-weight filler material contained within said one or a plurality of compartments.
2. (currently amended) The ~~support component~~ temporary platform of claim 1, wherein
the light-weight filler material is comprised of a buoyant material.
3. (currently amended) The ~~support component~~ temporary platform of claim 2, wherein
the light-weight filler material consists of a polystyrene foam.
4. (currently amended) The ~~support component~~ temporary platform of claim 1, wherein
the light-weight filler material is encapsulated in a wrapper.
5. (currently amended) The ~~support component~~ temporary platform of claim 4, wherein
the wrapper consists of fabric.
6. (currently amended) The ~~support component~~ temporary platform of claim 1, wherein
the plurality of gabion containers further comprises attachment means for adjacently
connecting to one or a plurality of additional support components each other to form a
layer; said layer having a top surface for receiving the heavy machinery.
7. (currently amended) A ~~temporary platform or roadway for use on soft,~~
heavy machinery over watery or unstable terrain comprising:

one or a plurality of layers of gabion containers; said gabion containers having one or a
plurality of compartments; said gabion containers being constructed with flexible wire
mesh;

a light-weight filler material contained within said one or a plurality of compartments; and
said one or a plurality of layers of gabion containers being connected to each other to
create a top surface;
one or a plurality of panels forming said platform overlaying said top surface for receiving
the heavy machinery.

8. (currently amended) The platform ~~or roadway~~ of claim 7, wherein the filler material is
comprised of a buoyant material.

9. (currently amended) The platform ~~or roadway~~ of claim 8, wherein the buoyant
material consists of a polystyrene foam.

10. (currently amended) The platform ~~or roadway~~ of claim 7, wherein the filler material
is encapsulated in a wrapper.

11. (currently amended) The platform ~~or roadway~~ of claim 10, wherein the wrapper
consists of a fabric.

12. (currently amended) A method of constructing a temporary platform ~~or roadway~~ for
supporting heavy machinery over watery for use on soft, watery or unstable terrain
comprising:

filling a plurality of gabion containers with a light-weight filler material; said gabion
containers being constructed with flexible wire mesh;

connecting a plurality of gabion containers to each other to form a layer; said layer of
gabion containers having a top surface;

overlaying one or a plurality of panels on the top surface to form the platform-~~or
roadway.~~

13. (original) The method set forth in claim 12, wherein the filler material is comprised
of a buoyant material.

14. (original) The method set forth in claim 13, wherein the buoyant material consists of a polystyrene foam.
15. (original) The method set forth in claim 12, wherein the filler material is encapsulated in a wrapper.
16. The method set forth in claim 15, wherein the wrapper consists of a fabric.
17. (currently amended) The ~~support component~~ temporary platform of claim 4, wherein the wrapper consists of a material impermeable to water.
18. (currently amended) The ~~support component~~ temporary platform ~~or roadway~~ of claim 10, wherein the wrapper consists of a material impermeable to water.
19. (currently amended) The ~~support component~~ temporary platform of claim 15, wherein the wrapper consists of a material impermeable to water.